

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Linda Deville, CEO
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P.O. Box 380
Bunkie, Louisiana 71322

**Re: Louisiana Board of Ethics
Docket No. 2021-132**

Dear Ms. Deville:

The Louisiana Board of Ethics ("Board"), at its April 9, 2021 meeting, considered your request for an advisory opinion as to whether the Louisiana Code of Governmental Ethics ("Code") would prohibit Stephen J. Gremillion, Ward 10 Marshal of Avoyelles Parish, from providing painting services to the Hospital Services District No. 1 of Avoyelles Parish.

FACTS PROVIDED

Stephen J. Gremillion was elected the Ward 10 Marshal in Avoyelles Parish on November 3, 2020. You have inquired as to whether the Code would prohibit Mr. Gremillion from providing painting services to the Hospital Services District No. 1.

LAW

La. R.S. 42:1113(A)(1)(a) states no public servant, excluding any legislator and any appointed member of any board of commission and any member of a governing authority of a parish with a population of ten thousand or less, or member of such a public servant's immediate family, or legal entity in which he has a controlling interest shall bid on or enter into any contract, subcontract, or other transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of the agency of such public servant.

CONCLUSION

The Board concluded, and instructed me to inform you, that based on the facts presented, the Code would not prohibit Mr. Gremillion from providing painting services to the Hospital Services District No. 1 after being elected the Ward 10 Marshal in Avoyelles Parish. The provision of painting services would not be prohibited under La. R.S. 42:1113(A)(1)(a) because Mr. Gremillion would not be "enter[ing] into any contract, subcontract, or other

transaction that is under the supervision or jurisdiction of” Mr. Gremillion’s agency, which is not to the Hospital Services District No. 1.

This advisory opinion is based solely on the facts as set forth herein. Changes to the facts as presented may result in a different application of the provisions of the Code of Governmental Ethics. The Board issues no opinion as to past conduct or as to laws other than the Code of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act, the Lobbyist Disclosure Act, and conflict of interest provisions in the gaming laws. If you have any questions, please contact me at (800) 842-6630 or (225) 219-5600.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

LaToya D. Jordan
For the Board

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